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SUBJ: LIBYAN ATTITUDE TOWARD GERMAN DRAFT RESOLUTION ON
TERRORISM

1. LIBYAN NORTH AMERICAN AFFAIRS DIRECTOR SAHAD TOLD
ME ON NOVEMBER 29 THAT LIBYA WAS NOT OPPOSED TO DRAFT RES-
OLUTION BUT HAD SUGGESTED SEVERAL AMENDMENTS:

(A) SPECIFYING "INNOCENT" HOSTAGES SHOULD BE PRO-
TECTED,

(B) CONVENTION SHOULD BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON
INTERNATIONAL LAW,

(C) CLEAR DISTINCTION SHOULD BE MADE BETWEEN
FREEDOM FIGHTERS AND TERRORISTS.

2. GERMAN EMBASSY HIGHLY SUSPICIOUS LIBYAN EFFORT
PORTRAY THEMSELVES AS COOPERATIVE NOTING THAT CLASSIFYING
HOSTAGES INNOCENT OR NOT, WOULD BE UNACCEPTABLE
BECAUSE PRESUMABLY ALL ISRAELIS WOULD FALL INTO
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LATTER CATEGORY, MOREOVER GERMAN EMBASSY BELIEVES

DESIRE TO REFER CONVENTION TO COMMITTEE ON
INTERNATIONAL LAW IS AIMED AT INVOLVING IT FOR MANY
YEARS IN HANDS OF LEGAL QUIBBLERS AND IN EFFECT
DELAY IT OR EVEN KILL IT.

3. SUBJECT WAS RAISED TO ME BY LIBYANS SOMEWHAT
SURPRISINGLY OUT OF CONTEXT BUT PRESUMABLY AS
PART OF RECENT LIBYAN CAMPAIGN TO PERSUADE
WESTERNERS THAT IT IS NOT A SUPPORTER OF
TERRORISM.
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